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**June 24-27 2026**

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**Beautiful Waco**

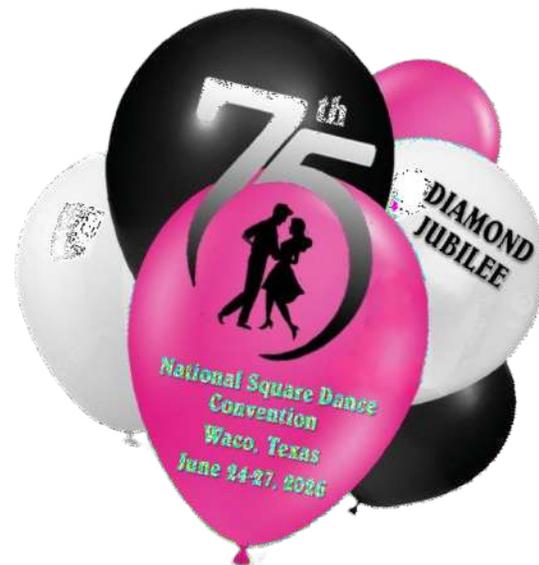
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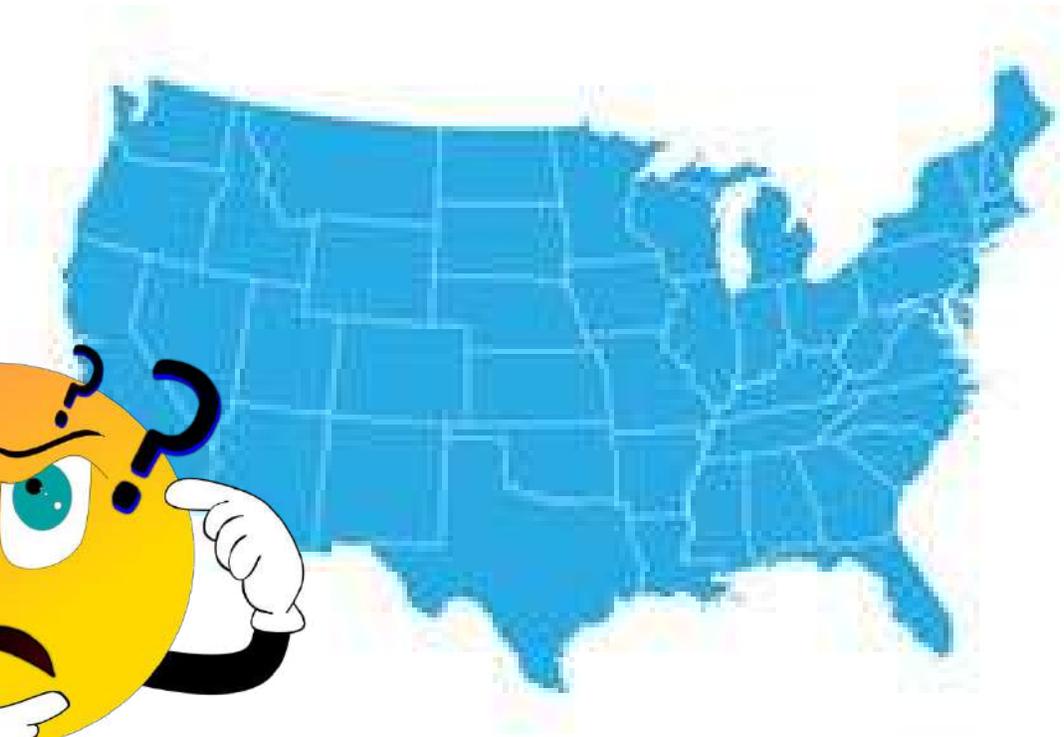
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# Where will we go in 2029?

We need bids for future conventions to keep the National Square Dance Convention® going.

**Is your organization interested?**



# Square 'Em Up

## Get your dance on at the 75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention<sup>®</sup>



*What types of dancing can I enjoy at the 75<sup>th</sup> NSDC?*

- Square Dance: Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, Challenge, Specialty
- Round, Contra, Line, Clogging, Youth & Specialty Dance

Watch *National Squares* e-Magazine, Facebook and our website for dance information for the 75<sup>th</sup> NSDC

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Dance Convention<sup>®</sup>



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Don't miss the fun! Sign up at  
<https://75nsdctx.com/register/>



**June 24-27, 2026 • Waco Convention Center**

# Hotels

The 75th National Square Dance Convention offers a set of diverse hotel experiences during your stay in Waco. Parking is free around the convention center.

Hotel	Waco CC Distance	Rate	Reservation Deadline	Free Amenities			
				Breakfast	Parking	Wi-Fi	Laundry
Hilton Waco (Host Hotel) 113 S University Dr	Connected to Waco CC	\$174/night	5/29/2026	✓	✓	✓	
Courtyard (Dance Leader Hotel) 101 Washington Ave	street from Waco CC	\$164/night	5/29/2026	✓	✓	✓	
<b>Cambria Hotel</b> 110 S MLK Jr Blvd	6-8 min walk	\$172/night	6/9/2026		✓	✓	
<b>Even Hotel</b> 110 S MLK Jr Blvd	6-8 min walk	\$164/night	6/9/2026		✓	✓	✓
<b>Holiday Inn Express</b> 101 Taylor St	6-8 min walk	\$149/night	6/9/2026	✓	✓	✓	
<b>Spring Hill Suites</b> 115 S Jack Kultgen Expressway	2 min drive	\$147/night	6/3/2026	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Aloft Waco</b> 900 S 11th St	5 min drive	\$159/night	6/9/2026	✓	✓	✓	
<b>La Quinta</b> 911 S 10th Street	5 min drive	\$159/night	6/3/2026	✓	✓	✓	
<b>Element Hotel</b> 2200 Robinson Dr	7 min drive	\$154/night	6/9/2026	✓	✓	✓	
<b>Home2Suites</b> 2500 Bagby Ave	7 min drive	\$174/night	6/3/2026	✓	✓	✓	

**SOLD OUT**

## What to Expect Next?

- We have negotiated discounted rates with area hotels. If you are registered for the 75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention<sup>®</sup>, in late July 2025 you should have received an email from [75nsdchousing@gmail.com](mailto:75nsdchousing@gmail.com) to book your hotel through the convention’s Hotel Booking Portal. Your email included your Convention Registration Number (**which is needed for the booking process**), a link to the Housing Booking Portal, and a step-by-step guide on how to use the portal. Requested room blocks will be handled via a different process.
- Once in the Housing Booking Portal, you will have the ability to book your room at **any of the convention hotels** based on room availability. You can only get the special convention rates through the portal. Reservation confirmations will be sent to the email address used to make the reservation.

## Questions?

Please reach out to Phil Henderson, Housing Vice-Chair, at [75nsdchousing@gmail.com](mailto:75nsdchousing@gmail.com)



# Pet-Friendly Hotels



**Can my pet stay in my hotel during the convention?**



The short answer is **YES!** All but two of our hotels allow pets!  
See below for details:

Hotel	CC Distance	Accept Pets?	Pet Fee	Additional Info
Hilton Waco (Host Hotel)	Connected to Waco CC	No	N/A	No pets are allowed except for service animals.
Courtyard (Dance Leader Hotel)	Across the street from Waco CC	Yes	\$0	Please let the front desk know at check-in.
Cambria Hotel	6-8 min walk	No	N/A	No pets are allowed except for service animals
Even Hotel	6-8 min walk	Yes	\$150 deposit	\$75 of the deposit is refundable.
Holiday Inn Express	6-8 min walk	Yes	\$75 deposit	<b>Dogs and cats only;</b> deposit is non-refundable
Spring Hill Suites	2 min drive	Yes	\$100 deposit	Deposit is non-refundable; <b>dogs only</b> (2 max up to 40 lbs.)
Aloft Waco	5 min drive	Yes	\$0	2 pets max up to 40 lbs.
La Quinta	5 min drive	Yes	\$25/day	Maximum amount of \$75 during entire stay.
Element Hotel	7 min drive	Yes	\$50/day	Maximum amount of \$150 during entire stay.
Home2Suites	7 min drive	Yes	\$75 deposit	Deposit if non-refundable

**SOLD OUT**

## Questions?

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75th National Square Dance Convention<sup>®</sup>



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**Enjoy having your furry companion with you at your hotel!**

75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention – Waco, TX  
June 24-27, 2026



# Camping/RV

We have negotiated discounted rates with two Waco-area campgrounds. You will need to make a reservation directly with the campground of choice, request the “*Square Dance Convention*” discount and payments must be made directly to the campground.

These are the campgrounds offering a Square Dance Discount:

1) **Waco Creekside Resort**

15% Square Dance discount. The campground is about 11 miles from the Waco Convention Center. There are 83 campsites. Cabins and tree houses are also available.

1972 Leroy Parkway / Elm Mott, TX 76640

(254) 651-3999 / <https://wacocreeksideresort.com>

2) **Magnolia RV Resort** offers you 10% off your stay.

Complimentary breakfast Saturdays and Sundays. The campground is about 8 miles from the Waco Convention Center. 3096 New Dallas Hwy. / Waco, TX 76705 (254) 799-3105

<https://magnoliarvresort.com>



# Malpass Brothers Concert



[Click here](#) to buy tickets for the  
Wednesday, June 24, 2026 Malpass Brothers concert.

You're in for a treat!



# Ghost Riders Band



You will be square dancing in the evenings to the Ghost Riders. The well-known square dance band will back up the square dance callers both musically and vocally!

*75th National Square Dance Convention®*



# Get your Belt Buckle!

## Ways and Means



## Commemorative belt buckle

By special order: please see next page

# 75th NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION®

75nsdc@gmail.com

## ORDER FORM

**SOLD TO:** 75NSDC  
**ADD:** 8587 Jones Rd., Ste 122  
**CITY:** Houston     **ST:** TX     **ZIP:** 77065

**ORDER DATE:** 4/20/2025  
**CELL:** (281) 857-3177  
**EMAIL:** 75nsdc@gmail.com



**ACTUAL SIZE: 3.375" x 5"**

PROD#:	QTY:	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	UNIT COST	SUB-TOTAL
18503	2	75th National Square Dance Convention	<b>\$ 94.95</b>	189.90
	2	(BACKPLATE) JEWELERS ENGRAVING - 1 LINE	<b>12.50</b>	25.00
		(BACKPLATE) JEWELERS ENGRAVING - 2 LINES	<b>15.00</b>	
		(BACKPLATE) JEWELERS ENGRAVING - 3 LINES	<b>19.00</b>	
		(BACKPLATE) JEWELERS ENGRAVING - 4 LINES	<b>22.00</b>	
<b>ENGRAVING INSTRUCTIONS: (MAX 18 CHARACTERS PER LINE)</b>			FREIGHT	21.00
1			SUB TOTAL	
			SALES TAX	0
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>235.90</b>

### PAYMENT INFORMATION

Call Gary Lester 281-857-3177

75NSDC  
 9597 Jones Rd Ste 122  
 Houston, TX 77065

Thank You!



# Your First National Convention?

Attending a National Square Dance Convention® for the first time is like stepping into a vibrant tapestry of tradition, rhythm, and community.

Whether you're a seasoned club dancer or newly curious, the experience is equal parts both exhilarating and welcoming.

From the moment you arrive, expect a whirlwind of color, music, and movement. The convention spans multiple halls, each buzzing with dancers in coordinated outfits and callers from across the country. First-timers are greeted with warmth!

The schedule is packed: expect to find Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, and Challenge levels as well as plenty of Round Dancing, Line Dancing, Clogging, Contra, Youth and more.

While traditional square dance attire is celebrated, it's not absolutely required. Comfort is key, especially with full days of dancing. Respect for partners, callers, and floor etiquette goes a long way—just smile, be courteous, and join the square when invited.



Explore the education panels, vendor booths, and archive exhibits. Many first-timers find inspiration in the historical displays that honor the roots of square dancing. It's also a great chance to meet dancers from all over the world and swap club traditions.

So, don't be shy—introduce yourself, ask questions, and jump in. The convention thrives on camaraderie, and as a first-timer, you're not just attending—you're becoming part of a legacy.

# FUN YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Dear Parents,

As we gear up for the 75th National Square Dance Convention®, we want to extend a warm welcome to all the families joining us in celebrating this milestone event! While we will not have a dedicated youth room this year, we want to assure you that there will be **plenty of fun, engaging and age-appropriate activities** planned specifically for our teen dancers.

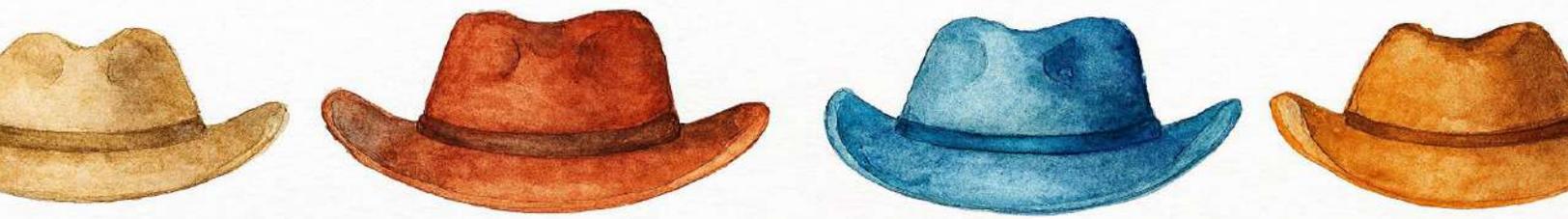
Our goal is to make this convention a memorable experience for dancers of all ages. Here's a glimpse of what your youth can look forward to:

- **Youth-focused dance sessions:** Specially scheduled square and round dance sessions tailored for youth, with energetic callers and cuers who know how to keep the floor lively and fun.
- **Workshops and skill-building:** Opportunities for youth to improve their dance skills, learn new moves, and even try out calling in a supportive environment.
- **Games and ice breakers:** Between dance sessions, we'll have organized games and social activities to help youth connect, make friends and have fun.
- **Youth parade and performances:** A chance for youth to shine! Whether it's participating in a themed parade or showcasing their talents, there will be moments to celebrate their energy and creativity.
- **Mentorship and community:** Older youth and young adult dancers will be on hand to help guide and support younger participants, creating a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere.

Square dancing is more than just a fun activity—it's a community. By bringing your youth to the convention, you're giving them the chance to build lifelong friendships, gain confidence and leadership skills, and be part of a vibrant, intergenerational tradition.

We're committed to making this a safe, joyful, and enriching experience for all our young dancers. So, pack those dancing shoes and get ready for an unforgettable time at the 75th National Square Dance Convention®!

If you have any questions or would like more details about the youth programming, feel free to reach out to our Youth Coordinator, Kati Raleigh, at [yodelergirl@yahoo.com](mailto:yodelergirl@yahoo.com). We can't wait to see you on the dance floor!



# Registration



<https://75nsdctx.com/register/>

# Fashion Show

You Don't Want to Miss  
This...

*Sights and Sounds  
of Texas*

It Ain't Your Mama's

**FASHION  
SHOW**

**Saturday  
June 27  
1:30 pm**

**75th National Square  
Dance Convention<sup>®</sup>**



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# Go Fund Me for Ghost Riders

## WANTED GHOST RIDERS BAND

Help Us Swing the Ghost Riders into  
Waco, Texas for a Convention to Remember!

Dancers from all over the world will commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of the National Square Dance Convention® June 24-27, 2026. And what's a celebration without the electrifying energy of the Ghost Riders Band?



This fantastic live band brings excitement to our Conventions. Their music accompanied by enthusiastic callers keep dancers swinging and swaying all night long. But we need your help to make it happen.

Donate today to help cover the band's travel and lodging expenses. Every contribution—big or small—helps bring the magic of live music to the dance floor.

TO DONATE GO TO:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/ghostriders-band>

NOTE: there is a slide bar at the bottom where you can give gofundme a "tip" for their services.

It is defaulted to a percentage but can be set to zero.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.  
ALL DONORS ELIGIBLE FOR A GRAND PRIZE DRAWING



# Registration Long Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

More information available at [www.75nsdctx.com](http://www.75nsdctx.com)



Upon your submission of the electronic long form registration, our team will manually enter your information into the Waco database. Once entered into the Waco database, you will receive an email with your registration number and a link to the hotel reservation portal.

Please allow 7-10 days after your on-line registration for this manual two step processing.

[register.75nsdc@gmail.com](mailto:register.75nsdc@gmail.com) or

[75nsdchousing@gmail.com](mailto:75nsdchousing@gmail.com)

No airport shuttle services provided

See [www.75nsdctx.com](http://www.75nsdctx.com) for transportation information.

You must be registered for the convention with a registration number to receive the convention rate. No self or online registration is available for the contracted rate except through the weblink, which will be provided by the convention Housing Vice-Chairman. [75nsdchousing@gmail.com](mailto:75nsdchousing@gmail.com)

Hotel cancellations must be made 72 hours in advance to avoid a fee.

**Make your own RV & CAMPING ACCOMMODATIONS**

**Waco Creekside RV Resort**

[www.wacocreeksideresort.com](http://www.wacocreeksideresort.com)

1972 Leroy Pkwy, Elm Mott, TX 76640 (254) 651-3999

Call for a 15% Discount on all Cabins, RV Spots and Treehouses

**Magnolia RV Resort** [www.magnoliarvresort.com](http://www.magnoliarvresort.com)

3096 New Dallas Hwy, Waco TX 76705 254-799-3105

Call for a 10% discount on your stay.

**Say You are with the Square Dance Convention**

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## Texas tidbits

The King Ranch covers more than 825,000 acres, which is bigger than the state of Rhode Island.

Padre Island is the world's longest undeveloped barrier island, stretching more than 100 miles along the Gulf Coast.

Six flags have flown over Texas: Spain, France, Mexico, the Republic of Texas, the

Confederacy, and the United States.

Juneteenth, celebrating the end of slavery in America, originated in Galveston on June 19, 1865.

Texas covers 268,597 square miles, right behind Alaska. As far as population goes, Texas has 31.9 million residents, second to California.



# Registration Long Form



**75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention®**  
 Waco Convention Center - June 24-27, 2026  
 100 Washington Ave, Waco, TX  
**WE'RE GOING TO TEXAS Y'ALL**  
 Register online at [75nsdctx.com](http://75nsdctx.com)  
 Zelle your payment to [75nsdc@gmail.com](mailto:75nsdc@gmail.com)

**RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:**  
 75NSDC  
 9597 Jones Rd Ste #122  
 Houston, TX 77065  
 Email: [register.75nsdc@gmail.com](mailto:register.75nsdc@gmail.com)

**For Convention Use Only**  
 Registration # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Received \_\_\_\_\_  
 Payment Processed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check# or Ref # \_\_\_\_\_

Revised 7/22/2025

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Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\*E-mail address will only be shared with the NEC  Check if you do not want your email shared.

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**Magnet for Badge (pins provided free)** # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 2.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**75<sup>th</sup> NSDC Souvenir Program Book** # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (\$35 after 4/30/2026) # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Round Dance Syllabus -  USB Drive** # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Printed copy (Must be purchased by 4/30/2026) # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Printed copy & USB (Must be purchased by 4/30/2026) # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Sew & Save Book -  USB Drive or  Digital Download** # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Hearing Assistance Device (N/C) - Refundable Deposit** # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$50.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Wednesday Night Special Event - Malpass Brothers**  
**Dinner\* & Show \$55 per person Premium Seating** **SOLD OUT**  
 Dinner\* & Show \$45 per person Standard Seating # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$45.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*Dinner Entrée BBQ Beef \_\_\_\_\_ or Grilled Chicken \_\_\_\_\_

**Convenience Fee for Credit Card Processing** 3.5% \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**PAYMENT (Complete if paying in person or by postal mail (US Funds))**  
 Check Enclosed  Cash (In Person)  Credit Card  Zelle  
 Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Card Type (Visa, Mastercard, AmEx, Discover): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Dressy casual attire allowed until 6pm. Proper dance attire is requested after 6pm for all dancers.  
 75th NSDC Convention badge required for entrance to all convention activities.  
 Shoes must be worn at all times.

**INFORMATION FOR COMPLETING FORM**

- You can complete this FORM online at [www.75nsdctx.com](http://www.75nsdctx.com).
- Please PRINT legibly to ensure accuracy of information.
- If you have already PRE-REGISTERED using our short form, please enter names in the appropriate space for each badge and enter \$0 (zero) in subtotal by each name already registered to avoid duplicate charge.
- If not pre-registered, enter registration fee for each dancer and correctly calculate amounts in the subtotal lines, then calculate and enter the total due.
- Registration fees:** Adult \$80; Youth ages 5-17 by 6/27/2026- \$30.00 Under 5 Free.
- Prices will increase May 1, 2026** - Adult: \$95 - Youth ages 5-17- \$30.00.
- Persons 3-5 circle Adult or Youth. **\*\*Only need birthday of Youth\*\***
- Registrations are non-transferable.
- No One, Two, or Three-Day Registrations.
- A \$10.00 fee per registrant will be imposed for cancellations or changes before April 30, 2026. **No refunds after April 30, 2026.**
- Registrations received after April 30, 2026, will receive e-mail confirmation.
- If sending by mail include credit card information, check, or money order payable in U.S. funds to 75NSDC with this form. Do not send cash.
- If registering by email, omit payment information on form. You will receive an invoice by email. (Note \$3.00 CC payment convenience fee.)

**TOURS can be purchased online at [75nsdctx.com/tours](http://75nsdctx.com/tours)**

**DANCERS - PLEASE HELP US PLAN! Check all that apply.**

Mainstream  Plus  Advanced  Challenge  Contra  Lines  
 Clogging  Rounds  Handicapable  Solo

Are you participating in the Education Leadership Certificate Program?  
 Yes  No Visit [75nsdctx.com](http://75nsdctx.com) for more information

**PROGRAMMED CALLERS & DANCE LEADERS**  
 You must update your profile yearly & online by 12/31/25 at [sdconvention.com](http://sdconvention.com).

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Type: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**HOTEL & CAMPING INFORMATION ON REVERSE**

Check box if you will manage your own accommodation.

## Waco tidbits

The Dr Pepper Museum in Waco celebrates the oldest major soft drink in America, invented in the city in 1885.

The Waco Suspension Bridge, completed in 1870, was the first bridge to span the Brazos River and remains in use today as a pedestrian walkway.

Baylor University, founded in 1845 in Waco, is the oldest continuously operating

university in Texas.

The Waco Mammoth National Monument showcases an Ice Age fossil site with Columbian mammoth remains.

Magnolia Market at Silos, opened by Chip and Joanna Gaines, draws thousands of visitors weekly.



# Fly Through Tour



Click here: [Fly-Through Tour](#) of  
the venue for the 75th National  
Square Dance Convention®

# Dance Leaders Need to Register

**DEC. 31, 2025**

*is the deadline for Dance Leaders to register for the 75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention<sup>®</sup>. Profiles must be submitted by*

**JAN. 31, 2026**

1. Sign up online today at [www.75nsdctx.com](http://www.75nsdctx.com) to receive your registration number for the 75th NSDC,

2. Then you go to <https://sdconvention.com> to complete your Dance Leader Profile.

***Welcome to Waco!***



*Scan the QR Code  
to register*



**75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention<sup>®</sup>**  
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# Celebrating our Vendors

As we prepare to gather in Waco, Texas, for the 75th National Square Dance Convention® from June 24–27, 2026, there's a special group of people we want to shine a spotlight on—our incredible vendors.

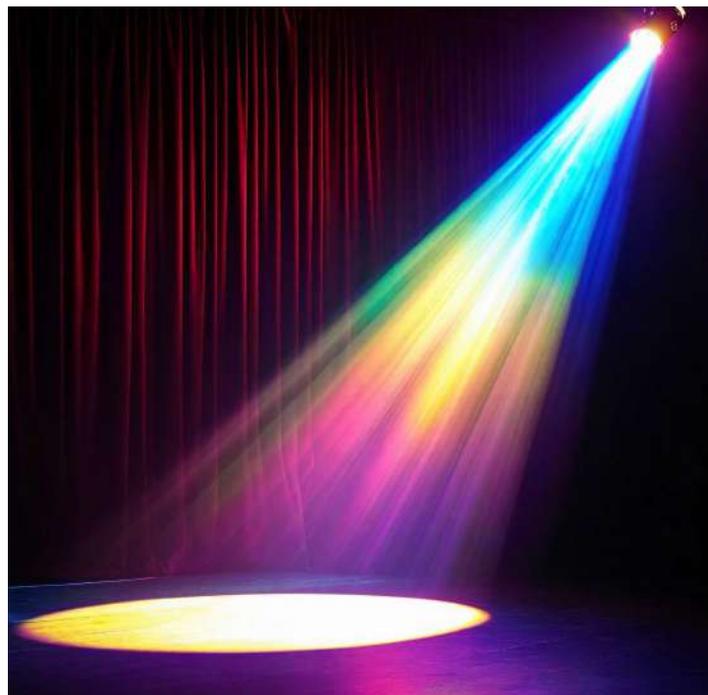
These dedicated individuals and businesses are more than just merchants. They are the heartbeat of the convention experience, bringing color, creativity, and craftsmanship to every participant. From dazzling dancewear and handcrafted accessories to innovative tools and treasured keepsakes, each vendor brings something unique that enhances our shared love of square dancing.

Their booths are places of discovery—where you can find the perfect twirl-worthy skirt, a new pair of boots that feel just right, or a conversation that turns into a lifelong connection.

Many of these vendors travel great distances, invest countless hours, and pour their passion into every product and interaction. They help preserve the traditions we cherish while also introducing fresh ideas that keep our community vibrant and growing.

We invite you to take a moment to get to know them.

Please visit <https://75nsdctx.com/vendors/> to watch short videos showcasing each vendor's specialties. You'll hear their stories, see their work, and understand why they're such an essential part of this historic celebration.



**If you know a vendor who might like to be part of the Waco convention, please refer them to Bruce and Wanda Carter at [wcdrip@gmail.com](mailto:wcdrip@gmail.com).**

Let's show our appreciation by supporting them, sharing their stories, and stopping by their booths in Waco. Because without our vendors, the convention wouldn't be the same.

# Getting to Waco

Waco, the NSDC's convention city for its Diamond Jubilee, is in Central Texas, right along the Brazos River and off Interstate 35. Waco is located halfway between Dallas and Austin. No matter your mode of travel, it's easy to get to Waco!

## BY CAR

1-35 runs right through Waco, making it easy to access from major cities like Dallas, Austin and San Antonio.

## BY AIR

Waco Regional Airport (ACT) is serviced by American Eagle with flights to and from Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW). Nearby airports are DFW, Dallas Love Field (DAL), Austin-Bergstrom (AUS), and Killeen-Fort Hood (GRK). They all offer connections to Waco via shuttle or rental car.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Rental car availability may be limited as the 2026 FIFA World Cup will be taking place in Dallas during our convention. Make your air and rental reservations early!

## BY BUS

Greyhound serves Waco with intercity routes from across the U.S. In addition, the Waco Charter Bus Co. offers group travel options.

## BY SHUTTLE

Waco Streak and GoGOWaco provide luxury shuttle service from DFW and Dallas Love Field. Airport Transportation of Waco offers hotel and airport transfers.

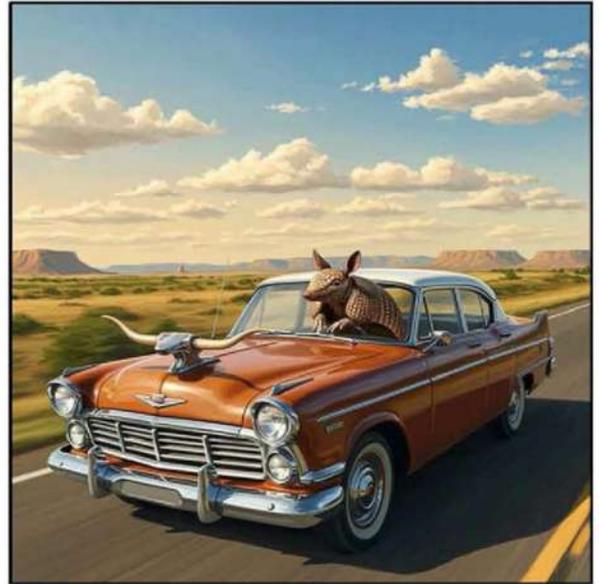
## LOCAL OPTIONS ONCE YOU'RE HERE

The Waco Transit System has fixed-route buses. Options include the Baylor University shuttle and MicroDash.

## RIDESHARE AND TAXIS

Uber and Lyft operate throughout Waco and nearby cities. Traditional taxis are available in downtown Waco and at the airport.

Scan the QR Code to follow the 75<sup>th</sup> NSDC on Facebook,  
Register for the NSDC's Diamond Jubilee at <https://75nsdctx.com>.



# Word Search

## GRANDPAPPY DILLO'S WORD SEARCH PUZZLE



R A S U D I N N E R U Y F G E Y O  
E Y G E Y H T N E I N R V B H R R  
L E N N S I S S F E I U P A Y Y D  
A D I V I T A P N E I I R R B C Y  
T A S Y L F E C N C E V R R A A I  
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R E W O L F Y A M C I D E R N C D

AUTUMN	FAMILY	MAIZE	PUMPKIN
BLESSINGS	FEAST	MAYFLOWER	RELATIVES
CELEBRATE	FRIENDS	PARADE	SQUASH
CIDER	GRATITUDE	PIE	STUFFING
CORN	GRAVY	PILGRIMS	THANKFUL
CRANBERRY	HARVEST	POTATOES	TRADITION
DINNER	HOLIDAY		

**Answers on page 28**

# Waco Convention Center

What's to ❤️ about the venue  
for the 75<sup>th</sup> National Square  
Dance Convention®?



## **Waco Convention Center** *100 Washington Ave, Waco, TX 76701*

- Location: Close to Waco hotels, restaurants & attractions
- Compact: Convention center is easy to maneuver & laid out for convenience
- Accessibility: With only two levels there are plenty of elevators & escalators, ADA approved ramps, lifts & restrooms, mobility scooters available for rent
- Design: Plenty of natural light & convention restrooms
- Water: Built-in water bottle filling stations in hallways
- Parking: 900 free parking spaces, additional spaces in easy walking distance
- Concessions & Vendors: There will be plenty of concessions, vending food, & a great variety of vendors tailored to dancers & callers
- Dance Floors: Flooring includes bamboo wood, polished concrete, commercial vinyl, modular wood over carpet, & new modular plastic flooring over carpet
- Education & Archives: Education sessions & archives in attached hotel meeting rooms for a conducive learning atmosphere

**June 24-27, 2026 • Register today: [75nsdctx.com](http://75nsdctx.com)**



# Great Restaurants

## Waco Downtown Dining Guide



### 1424 Bistro

1424 Washington Ave, Waco, TX 76701

### Alpha Omega Grill & Bakery

929 Franklin Ave, Waco, TX 76701

### Bangkok Royale

215 S University Parks Dr, Waco, TX 76701

### Barnett's Whiskey House & Restaurant

420 Franklin Ave, Waco, TX 76701

### Bertie's on the Rooftop at Hotel 1928

701 Washington Ave, Waco, TX 76701

### Billy Bob's Burgers

300 S 2nd St Suite 102, Waco, TX 76701

### Brazos Bar & Bistro at Hotel Indigo

211 Clay Ave, Waco, TX 76706

### Brazos Grille at the Hilton

115 S University Parks Dr, Waco, TX 76701

### The Brazos Landing

100 | 35 N Frontage Rd, Waco, TX 76704

### Cafe Cappuccino

100 N 6th St #101, Waco, TX 76701

### Cajun Craft

601 S 11th St, Waco, TX 76706

### Casa Do Brasil

1001 Webster Ave, Waco, TX 76706

### Cha Community

1001 Franklin Ave, Waco, TX 76701

### Clay Pot Restaurant

416 Franklin Ave, Waco, TX 76701

### Cricket's Draft House & Grill

211 Mary Ave, Waco, TX 76701

### D's Mediterranean

1503 Colcord Ave, Waco, TX 76707

### DiamondBack's

217 Mary Ave, Waco, TX 76701

### George's Restaurant & Bar

1925 Speight Ave, Waco, TX 76706

### Harvest on 25th

112 N 25th St, Waco, TX 76710

### Health Camp

2601 Circle Rd, Waco, TX 76706

### Hecho En Waco Mexican Cuisine

300 S 6th St b, Waco, TX 76701

### Jake's Texas Tea House

613 Austin Ave, Waco, TX 76701

### Jasper's BBQ

105 Clifton St, Waco, TX 76704

### Jorge's Cantina

4225 Franklin Ave, Waco, TX 76710

### J-Petal & Poké Waco

315 S Univ. Parks Dr #120, Waco, TX 76701

### Kim's Diner

2600 W Waco Dr, Waco, TX 76710

### Kitok Restaurant

1815 N 18th St, Waco, TX 76707

### La Fiesta

3815 Franklin Ave, Waco, TX 76710

### Magnolia Table

2132 S Valley Mills Dr, Waco, TX 76706

### Maria Mezcaleria

724 Austin Ave Ste 102, Waco, TX 76701

### Milo All Day

1020 Franklin Ave, Waco, TX 76701

### Ninfa's

220 S 3rd St, Waco, TX 76701

### Opal's Oysters

228 S 8th St Suite B, Waco, TX 76701

### Pignetti's

401 S 3rd St, Waco, TX 76706

### Pivovar Brewery & Restaurant

320 S 8th St, Waco, TX 76701

### Portofino's Italian Restaurant

725 Austin Ave, Waco, TX 76701

### Red Herring at Hotel Herringbone

319 S 4th St, Waco, TX 76701

### Revival East Side Eatery

704 Elm Ave, Waco, TX 76704

### Sagrado Cocina and Bar

215 S Univ. Parks Dr Ste. 107, Waco, TX 76701

### Sascee's Southern Style Eatery

719 S 11th St, Waco, TX 76706

### Segovia Wine Bar + Tapas

300 S 6th St Suite F, Waco, TX 76701

### Schmaltz's Sandwich Shoppe

105 S 5th St #2102, Waco, TX 76701

### Shorty's Pizza Shack

1712 S 12th St, Waco, TX 76706

### Slow Rise on the Brazos

1620 N M.L.K. Jr Blvd, Waco, TX 76704

### Southern Roots Brewery

219 N 8th St, Waco, TX 76701

### Street Dog Cafe

406 Elm Ave, Waco, TX 76704

### Teriyaki Park

220 S 2nd St, Waco, TX 76701

### Terry Black's BBQ - Waco

228 S 8th St, Waco, TX 76701

### The BLVD Steakhouse at Cambria Hotel

110 S MLK Jr Blvd, Bldg A, Waco, TX 76704

### The Brasserie at Hotel 1928

701 Washington Ave, Waco, TX 76701

### The Olive Branch

215 S 2nd St, Waco, TX 76701

### Tony DeMaria's Bar-B-Que

1000 Elm Ave, Waco, TX 76704

### Tru Jamaica

937 Taylor St, Waco, TX 76704

### Twisted Root Burger Co.

801 S 2nd St, Waco, TX 76706

### Union Hall - Food Hall

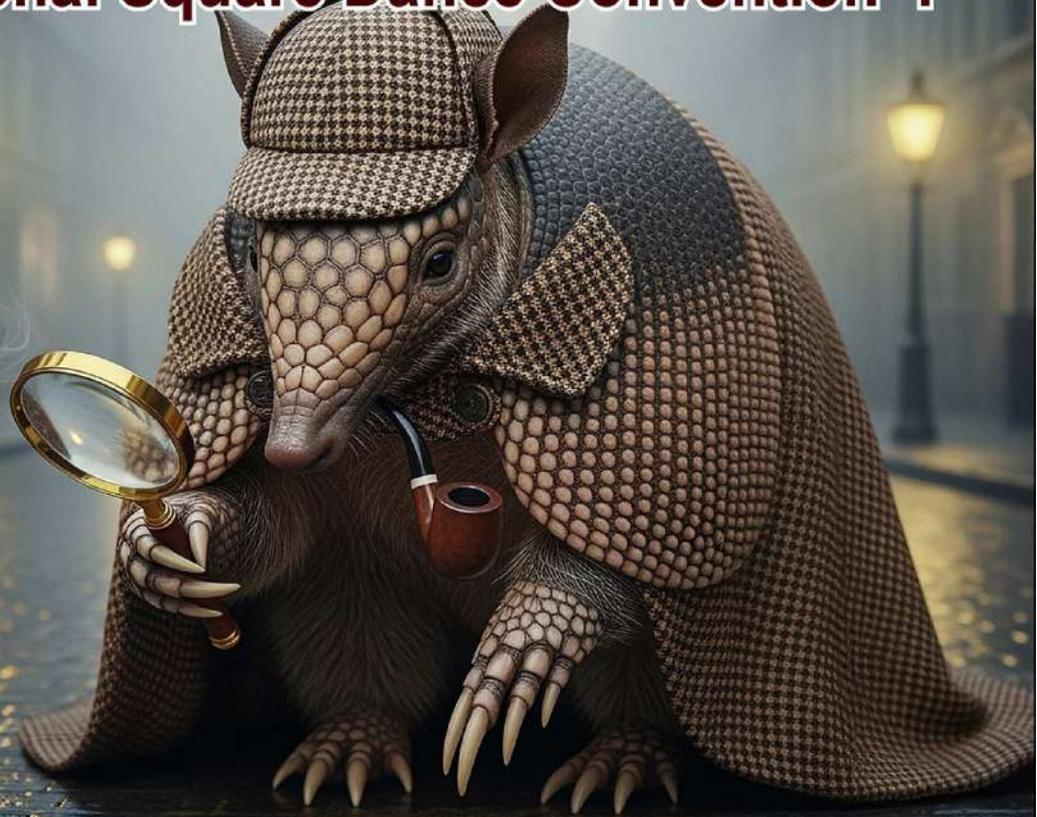
720 Franklin Ave, Waco, TX 76701

### Vitek's

1600 Speight Ave, Waco, TX 76706

# Need Information?

## Searching for info about the 75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention<sup>®</sup>?



1. Visit our website at [www.75nsdctx.com](http://www.75nsdctx.com). It's full of forms, links & great information about the 2026 convention in Waco, TX.
  2. Follow us on Facebook for news & events. Scan QR Code for access.
  3. Subscribe to & read *National Squares* e-Magazine. Each edition contains the who, what, where & when of the 75<sup>th</sup> NSDC to be held June 24-27, 2026 in the Waco Convention Center. To subscribe, go to <https://nsdcnec.com/national-squares-e-magazine/> & scroll down to enter your name & email, hit Send. You will be notified each month when the latest edition is released. You can also click on the edition's icon to download a copy from the website.
- Sign up for the NSDC's Diamond Jubilee at <https://75nsdctx.com/register/>**



# Just Joking Around

## GRANPAPPY DILLO YARNS



WHAT DID THE ARMADILLO SAY WHEN HE SAW A GHOST?  
"DON'T SCARE THE SHELL OUT OF ME!"

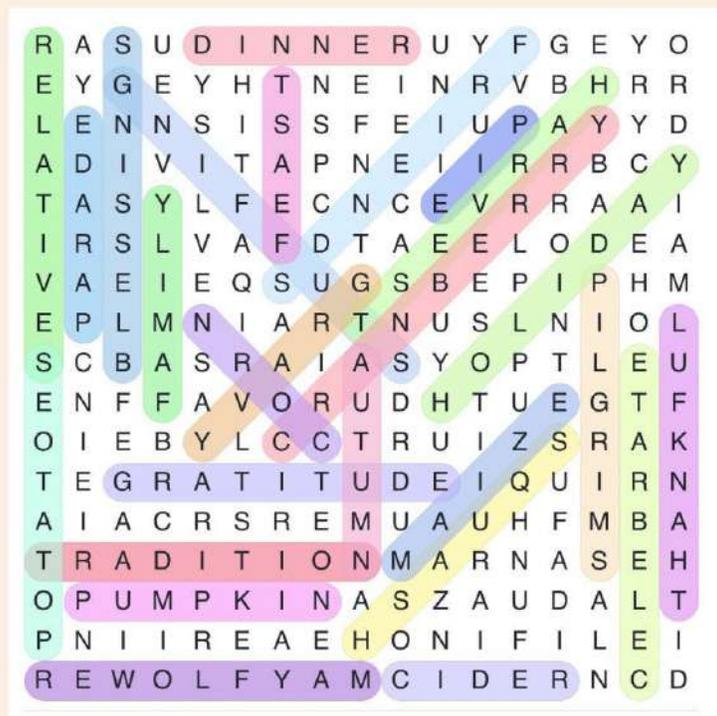
WHAT DO YOU CALL AN ARMADILLO AT A HALLOWEEN PARTY?  
A SHELL-EBRITY!

WHAT'S AN ARMADILLO'S FAVORITE SPOOKY COSTUME?  
A SUIT OF ARMOR, OF COURSE!

HAVE AN ARMADILLO JOKE? SEND TO WANDAKRUSE50@GMAIL.COM

# Word Search Answers

## GRANDPAPPY DILLO'S WORD SEARCH PUZZLE ANSWERS



(from puzzle on page 23)

# There's an App for That

This year at the 75th NSDC in Waco, everyone registered for the National Square Dance Convention will have free access to the Convention App, and the Education Committee wants to make sure you know how to use it.

Written instructions will be coming out in April or May in the e-Magazine, on the 75th NSDC Facebook page, and on our website. The application is expected to go live in May, and we encourage folks to use the written instructions to practice looking at what is being offered at the convention. There will also be a class on the Convention App on WEDNESDAY afternoon before the convention begins and possibly Thursday afternoon. The time and location will be listed in a future issue of the e-Magazine.



# NEC Archive Room



We invite you to stop by the NEC Archive Room and immerse yourself in 75 years of National Convention history. This unique experience offers something for everyone, whether you are a long-time attendee or new to the convention community.

You'll want to take the opportunity to examine program books from previous years. You might be surprised by how many dancers you recognize from past conventions. Our displays also include specially designed belt buckles created to

commemorate past conventions, as well as badges from each event throughout the years.

Come and meet our mascots from both current and past conventions. Additionally, discover the extended travels of Gary and Claudia Lester, our Chairman, who have journeyed far and wide in support of our square dancing community.

We will be open Thursday, Friday and Saturday for the convention. Please stop in!

# Caller Classes

Caller Classes are for prospective callers, new callers, experienced callers and anyone interested in the things that callers learn in order to make our sport fun. All of these classes are taught by very experienced members of CALLERLAB. The eight classes that are being offered include:

- Theme Tips: Teaching Tips, Workshop, and Extended Applications for enjoyable dancing
- How to Use Music to Better Sell Your Dance
- The Mechanics of Great Teaching: How to be an effective leader
- Basic Sight Calling: Moving Dancers from Point A to Point B with Purpose
- How to be an Effective Club Caller
- So You Want to be a Caller
- Dancers: Smoothness, Styling, and



## Etiquette

- Modular Calling – Your New Best Friend

These classes will be described in greater detail in upcoming e-Magazine issues. For those participating in the Leadership Certification Program, all these classes will be considered Electives.

# Convention Registration Through the Years

End of month	2021 Jackson MS	2022 Evansville IL	2023 Mobile AL	2024 Milwaukee WI	2025 Shreveport LA	2026 Waco TX
June	1,130	821	1,285	1,328	1,170	<b>1,840</b>
July	1,140	903	1,315	1,373	1,251	<b>1,955</b>
August	1,177	971	1,417	1,473	1,330	<b>2,071</b>
September	1,191	1,040	1,463	1,543	1,367	<b>2,112</b>
October	1,219	1,100	1,535	1,594	1,434	
November	1,221	1,159	1,584	1,638	1,496	
December	1,243	1,232	1,632	1,698	1,568	
January	1,306	1,350	1,700	1,807	1,686	
February	1,320	1,453	1,801	1,932	1,795	
March	1,497	1,579	1,902	2031	1,913	
April	1,680	1,771	1,999	2,228	2,013	
May	1,792	1,893	2,075	2,365	2,018	
Final Total	1,835	2,034	2,312	2,564	2,201	

## Future National Square Dance Conventions

### Convention

### Location

### Date

75th NSDC

Waco, TX

June 24-27, 2026

76th NSDC

Loveland, CO

June 23-26, 2027

77th NSDC

Daytona Beach, FL

June 28-July 1, 2028



# State Registration

Who's coming to Waco as of Sept. 30, 2025

Alabama 74	Massachusetts 9	South Dakota 11
Alaska 0	Michigan 19	Tennessee 58
Arkansas 47	Minnesota 34	Texas 811
Arizona 21	Mississippi 23	Utah 9
California 83	Missouri 51	Vermont 1
Colorado 56	Montana 3	Virginia 21
Connecticut 0	Nebraska 5	Washington 19
Delaware 2	Nevada 0	West Virginia 4
Florida 79	New Hampshire 5	Wisconsin 26
Georgia 77	New Jersey 13	Wyoming 0
Hawaii 4	New Mexico 14	
Idaho 2	New York 10	<b>International Registrations</b>
Illinois 31	North Carolina 21	Australia 2
Indiana 29	North Dakota 6	Belize 2
Iowa 23	Ohio 88	Canada 9
Kansas 31	Oklahoma 61	Germany 21
Kentucky 43	Oregon 11	Japan 4
Louisiana 36	Pennsylvania 20	Netherlands 3
Maine 6	Rhode Island 0	Taiwan 16
Maryland 32	South Carolina 26	



# Behind the Scenes



We have a dedicated staff for 75th National Square Dance Convention® which will be June 24-27, 2026 in Waco!

This month we're featuring the Services Committee:

**David and Kim Neff**

Services Chairman (see bio, page 35)

**Eric Schafer**

Assistant Services Chairman

**Larry Leavitt and Tina Hopkins**

Security Vice Chairman

**Chris and Carolyn Mills**

Sound Vice Chairman

**Dean Haney**

Transportation Vice Chairman

**Gaileen Dillashaw**

First Aid Director

# Bio: David and Kim Neff

## Services Committee Chairman

While in high school, Kim took square dance lessons with her parents. In 1980, for an easy “A,” she took a second set of lessons from Jon Jones for PE credit at UTA. It was at these lessons she met David. They were married in 1982 and were members of both Trailblazers and Arlington Promenaders.

Kim and David stepped away from dancing to raise two children and follow their daughter on weekends as she played select and college softball. In 2014 while working out of town, David once again took square dance lessons. Kim was unaware of this until, to her surprise, she saw David’s picture among the graduates in the Promenade (The North Texas Square and Round Dance monthly publication). They began dancing again and have not slowed down. They also enjoy round dancing.

In June 2021, they joined Circle 8, the oldest square dance club in Texas. One month later they became Presidents and continue to serve as such today. While Club President is their official title, they serve the club in many other capacities.

Kim serves as President of CASUL, the organization that manages Swingtime Center, a premier dance hall in Ft. Worth, Texas. David also serves on the board, officially as Director at Large and unofficially as handyman. In 2023, David and Kim were elected Nortex Couple of the Year.

They were approached by Gary and Claudia Lester in 2022 to join the 75<sup>th</sup> NSDC team. Not until 2023 did they accept the position of Services Chairman. It has been full steam ahead ever since. As the Services Committee is responsible for the facilities, flooring, sound, security, signs and much more, the Neffs are very involved in the planning stages of the upcoming Waco convention. Eric Schafer, Larry Leavitt, Tina Hopkins, Chris and Carolyn Mills, Gailleen Dillashaw, and Dean Haney are vital members of the services team.

Professionally, before retirement, Kim and David both worked in the aircraft modification industry, Kim in the finance department and David as an engineer.

Outside of dancing, they enjoy cruising. Kim enjoys sewing and makes her own square dance skirts. She also enjoys scrapbooking and painting. David enjoys time outside on his mini skid loader moving dirt and helping neighbors with any small jobs they may have. They are expecting their first grandchild, a boy, in December 2025.



# Square Dance Etiquette

Solo dancers should have a partner before they join a square.

Friendliness is an important part of square dance manners, offering endless opportunities for friendships to form. If you are not continually making new friends, you are not getting the most out of square dancing.

Relax and have fun!

Give a warm greeting and introduce yourself, especially to new dancers and those you don't know.

Wear your name tag so dancers can be on a first-name basis and encourage friendly fellowship.

When the caller starts the music, set up your square promptly. Don't wait for an invitation to square up.

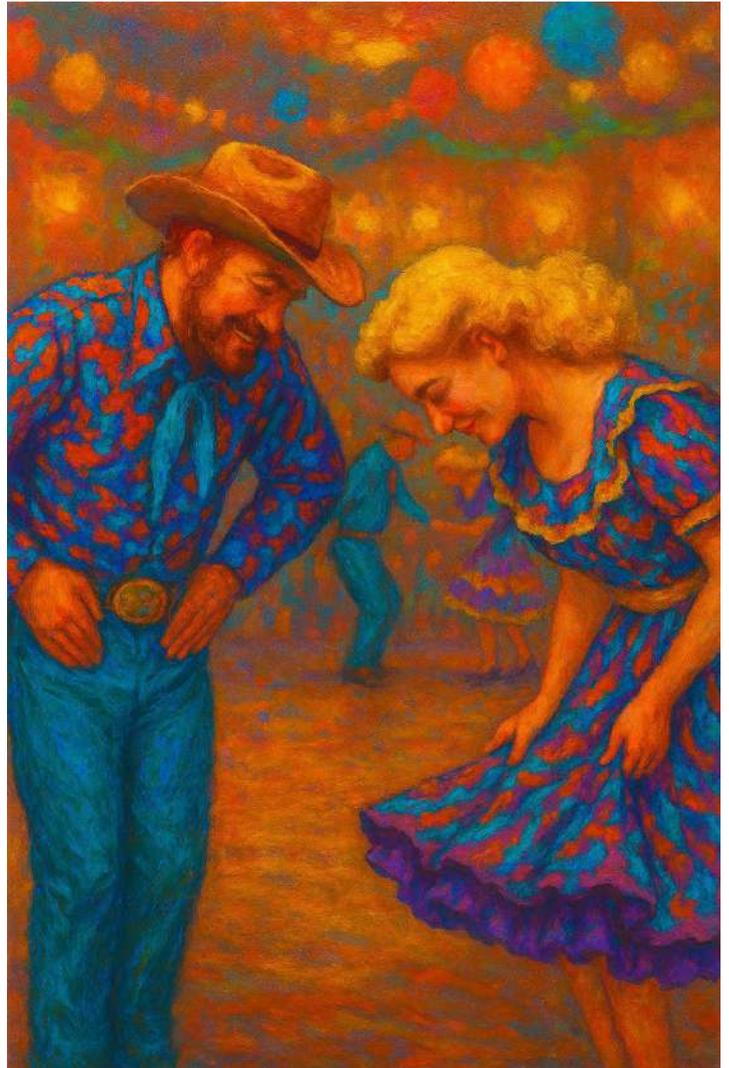
Join the nearest square that is forming. Once there, hold up your hand or fingers to indicate how many people are needed to complete the square.

Dance in different squares, not always with the same group. Make sure everyone feels included.

Remember your position when you square up (heads, sides, and position number).

Remember who your corner is. They're your most important dancer to you after your partner.

Use gentle handclasps. Please, no rough



handling or overly firm handholds.

Overlooking mistakes made by others. Everybody makes them. Be supportive.

Let the caller be the teacher. Resist the temptation to explain a call to others in your square.

Keep your squares tight when promenading. Otherwise, you may fall behind the music by taking too many steps.

# The Texas Longhorn



“Stand back”

The Texas Longhorn steer is officially recognized as the largest state mammal of Texas. This designation was made in 1995 following a statewide mock election among elementary school students that ended in a tie between the Longhorn and the nine-banded armadillo. So, Texas did what Texas does—went big *and* small, naming the Longhorn as the largest state mammal and the armadillo as the

small one.

The Longhorn is a symbol of Texas grit and independence. With horns that can span over seven feet, these cattle are known for their resilience, adaptability, and historical significance in the cattle drives of the 1800s. They’re also genetically unique, descended from cattle brought over by Spanish explorers in the 1500s.

# Our Nation's 250th Birthday!



*Let's Celebrate!*

Wear your Red, White & Blue in honor of our Nation's 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday during a special event Friday, June 26, 2026 at 6:30 pm!

The NSDC's Diamond Jubilee coincides with America's 250th Birthday! Help us mark these important milestones.

75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention®  
June 24-27, 2026 • Waco Convention Center  
Register for the NSDC at <https://75nsdctx.com>



# Can You Help Out?

Come be part of the Education Committee Team for the 75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention® in Waco, TX, and volunteer for any position that sounds interesting to you! As a volunteer for the Education Committee, you will:

1. Receive a volunteer ribbon that will let everyone know you are volunteering at the convention.
2. Receive a copy of the education and dance schedules as soon as they are finalized (and before they are published). This will allow you to decide what times you are available to volunteer and allow you to sign up for your volunteer slots before the convention starts.
3. Receive an individual volunteer orientation when you pick up your volunteer ribbon at the Education check-in desk.
4. Receive a copy of your volunteer schedule (just like the presenters get) if you have signed up for your volunteer slots before convention starts.
5. Receive a thank-you gift from the Education Committee.
6. Receive recognition as a volunteer by having your photo on a volunteer appreciation wall near the Education check-in desk. Your name and/or picture may also



be listed on Facebook, the National Squares e-Magazine or website as a member of the Education Committee's Volunteer Team.

7. Be able to start and finish the Leadership Certification Program by serving as a room host.
8. Be included in Education Committee Zoom meetings if you are interested.

Please contact Everett Kelly, Assistant Education Chairman, at [ekelly1948@yahoo.com](mailto:ekelly1948@yahoo.com) if you are interested in being a volunteer for the Education Committee.

Please see next page for times you can volunteer, and a sign-up form!

# Call for Volunteers

**The 75th National Square Dance Convention® Education Program needs you! Volunteers are an essential part of a successful education program. Take a break from dancing for an hour or two and consider helping out in one of these areas.**

- **ROOM HOSTS: Education and Sewing Classes**

Job Description: Introduce the presenter (from bio provided), count attendees, distribute and collect session evaluation forms, initial Leadership Certification Program participation forms.

Time Commitment: One to two hours on Thursday or Friday between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., or Saturday between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

- **EDUCATION CHECK-IN DESK**

Job Description: Assist with duties such as passing out presenter and room host packets, printing and collating handouts, answering questions about schedules and room locations.

Time Commitment: One to two hours on Thursday between 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Friday between 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., or Saturday between 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

- **NEC ARCHIVES ROOM**

Job Description: Tally visitors, respond to questions about the displays (using provided FAQs).

Time Commitment: One to two hours on Thursday or Friday between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. or 7 to 9 p.m.; or Saturday between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

- **DATA ENTRY**

Job Description: Enter data and statistics from Education sessions into an Excel spreadsheet (such as number of session attendees and results from session evaluation forms).

Time Commitment: One to two hours on Thursday or Friday between noon and 5 p.m., or Saturday between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.



**We Want YOU!**

**YES, I would love to help with the 75<sup>rd</sup> NSDC Education Program!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Check the circle next to each area in which you would be willing to volunteer.

Time(s) available: Thursday morning    Thursday afternoon    Thursday evening

Friday morning    Friday afternoon    Friday evening    Saturday morning    Saturday afternoon

**Return this form to Everett Kelly, Assistant Education Chairman**

**E-mail to [ekelly1948@yahoo.com](mailto:ekelly1948@yahoo.com)**



# Tours



## Fixer Upper and City Tour

\$85 per person  
Sunday to Saturday  
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Waco has some great sights from TV shows, but if you don't know the area well you could miss out on finding some of them. This Waco Sites and TV Highlights Tour takes you to areas filmed on shows like Fixer Upper, Wood Work, and others. Plus, you'll also see areas like East Waco and Cameron Park, and pop into neighborhoods worth seeing up close. During the trip, enjoy a local coffee or ice cream and receive a coupon booklet.



## Haunts and Legends Mobile Ghost Tours

\$39 per person  
Sunday to Saturday  
6:00 pm or 8:30 pm

Come along on a 2 hour spooky tour of Waco, where you'll be driven to see the city's famous haunts and hear the legends behind them from your guide. From the city's founding in 1849, there have been several incidents to prove legendary, including the tornado of 1953, the Red Light District, and Historic Cameron Park. Learn all about the haunts and legends of Waco, experience the haunts first-hand, and maybe communicate with spirits.

# 75<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL *Square Dance Convention*<sup>®</sup> Tour Brochure

Guided tour reservations are open. You must sign up at:  
[75nsdctx.com/tours](http://75nsdctx.com/tours)

Book ahead so you and your friends have a spot!

Note: Fees, cancellations, and starting locations are determined by the individual tour operators. Credit card payments are made directly to the tour operator.

Also listed on the [75nsdctx.com](http://75nsdctx.com) website are many self-guided tours.



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**See pages 5-6 if you're looking for a hotel.** For your convenience and savings, we have negotiated special square dance convention rates with a number of Waco hotels. There are even pet-friendly options!

# Tours



## Sunset Horseback Ride with Scenic Views

**\$169 per person**  
Mon, Thurs, Fri, & Sat  
4:30 to 6:30

Saddle up for a true Western experience on this sunset horseback ride down a trail leading you to a warm campfire. This 2 hour, 15 minute outdoor adventure in Waco gets you beautiful views of Central Texas during your trail ride. Once you reach the scenic overlook, enjoy some s'mores, cowboy-themed games by the campfire and take some time to soak in the scenery.



## Waco Foodie Tour

**\$74 per person**  
Wednesday to Saturday  
12:00 or 4:30

Learn about Waco's culinary scene on this foodie tour that lasts for 2 hrs, 30 mins. Taste several regional foods and sample an award-winning alcoholic beverage.



## Waco Wine Tours

**\$125 per person**  
Friday to Sunday  
11:30 am

Discover the vineyards and wineries of central Texas with this wine tasting tour. Enjoy being driven around to different wineries for guided tours and wine tastings.



## Horseback Riding on Scenic Texas Ranch

**\$89 per person**  
Mon, Thurs, Fri, & Sat  
9:00 am or 11:00 am

This Waco horseback riding experience on a Texas Ranch is something everyone will love. You'll ride horseback through the ranch lands with some authentic cowboys, while taking in beautiful views of the farmlands, the surrounding area and the Brazos River. Beginners are welcome as there will be a lesson at the start of your 1 hour, 30 minute adventure.



**See page 7 if you're planning to camp for the 75th National Square Dance Convention®.** We have negotiated special square dance convention rates with two Waco-area RV parks!

# Armie is Waiting For You

*We're Going to Texas, Ya'll*

**75<sup>th</sup> National Square  
Dance Convention<sup>®</sup>**



*Join Armie at the  
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June 24-27, 2026 for the  
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## UPCOMING

### NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTIONS®

*Each of the upcoming conventions has a Pre-Registration Form providing you an opportunity to express your support and interest in attending their future National Square Dance Convention®. To pre-register, click the images below to access their Pre-Registration Form. The forms can be downloaded, printed, saved, sent, and otherwise processed.*

***Thank you for supporting ALL of the National Conventions!***



**Where will  
2029 NSDC  
be?**

**Got any ideas  
let us know**

### **Where will we go in 2029 and beyond?**

**Is your organization interested in submitting a Bid Package for the future National Square Dance Convention®?**

**Please contact the**

**National Executive Committee (NEC) Presidents:**

**Louis & Angie McClure**

**[louisandangiemcclure@gmail.com](mailto:louisandangiemcclure@gmail.com) 678-956-0287**

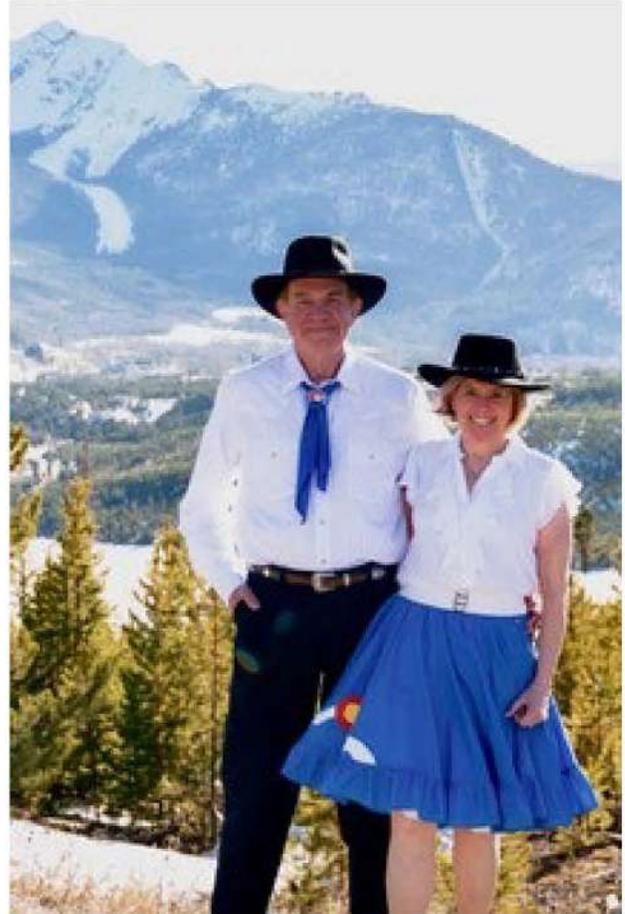


# Welcome from the General Chairman

We want to invite everyone to join us June 23-26, 2027, in Loveland Colorado. Our team has been working hard to put together a fun and exciting convention with something for everyone. Our next big event is the pre-convention on January 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 2026. In addition to the typical meetings, we will have the opportunity to tell everyone about our plans and introduce you to all the exciting things to do in Loveland. We are also planning to include NCOS training for each committee. To get the most out of the training bring your laptop, user ID and password.

We are thrilled to be able to share our love for the mountains, outdoor activities and beautiful mountains with all of you. You can register for the convention online at [76nsdc.com](http://76nsdc.com) or by completing the registration form in this issue.

Art and Lilly Hardin  
General Chairman, 76<sup>th</sup> National  
Square Dance Convention®



*Art and Lilly Hardin*



*NSDC 2027 dangle*



Registration # _____
Dangle <input type="checkbox"/>
Ribbons <input type="checkbox"/>

**Pre – Registration**  
**76<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention®**  
**Loveland, CO June 23-26, 2027**

**REGISTER ONLINE at [www.76nsdc.com](http://www.76nsdc.com)**  
**This form expires on January 11, 2026**

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

Primary Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Partner's Last Name (if different): \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_ Youth Names & DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Alt Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email addresses shared only with the NEC for upcoming National Square Dance Convention® information.

Check if you want to opt out of email sharing.

Pre-Registration Prices (US currency only) Adults \$80 each x until 1/11/2026 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Youth born after June 27, 2010, \$30.00 each x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Sub Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Credit Card Processing Fee 3.00% Calculated at check out

**Total Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Cash Received \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ (**Payable to 76 NSDC**)

Credit Card Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Last 4 Credit Card #'s: \_\_\_\_\_

**If Registering by Mail (check only): 76 NSDC**  
**358 Blue River Parkway Unit 307, Silverthorne, CO 80498**  
**Or register online at [76nsdc.com](http://76nsdc.com)**

**PLEASE HELP US PLAN! Please CIRCLE levels you wish to dance**

**Dancers:** SSD Only, Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, Challenge, Contra, Lines, Rounds ( ), Handicapable, SOLO

**Leaders:** Squares, Contra, Lines, Rounds, Education Presenter topic: \_\_\_\_\_

\$10.00 cancellation fee per registration. No refunds after April 30, 2027. **This form and registration rate is void after Jan 11, 2026.** Registration Long Forms will be mailed in November 2025 for selection of hotel or RV park and additional items. Early registration gives you free admittance to the Pre-Convention Kick Off Dance on Jan 10, 2026.

**DANCE IN THE HEART OF THE ROCKIES**

(Internal Use Only) Accepted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Registration Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Receipt Sent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Sent: \_\_\_\_\_

July 2025



Join the 76<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention® for a...



# ROCKY MOUNTAIN DANCE WEEKEND JANUARY 9-10, 2026

## **Benefit Dance - Friday, January 9th**

Pre-rounds at 7 p.m. with John Herr (1 round between tips)

Squares 7:30–10 p.m. with Justin Russel from Tennessee

Location: Pinyon Pine Ballroom at the

Embassy Suites Hotel & Conference Center, Loveland, Colorado

## **Pre-Convention Dance - Saturday, January 10th**

Pre-rounds at 7 p.m. with Mitchel Thompson (1 round between tip)

Squares 7:30-10 p.m. with Mountain Magic

Location: Pinyon Pine Ballroom at the

Embassy Suites Hotel & Conference Center, Loveland, Colorado

### **Optional Buffet Dinner**

**Saturday at the Embassy Suites in Loveland from 5-6:30 p.m.**

\$25 per person, Menu: pork loin roast, tossed salad, vegetables, rolls, beverage & dessert

Reservations required. Contact Bob Peterson at [rbpeterson.summit@gmail.com](mailto:rbpeterson.summit@gmail.com)

Visit our website at <https://76nsdc.com> to register for the  
76<sup>th</sup> NSDC to be held in Loveland, CO on June 23rd-26th

You can also register during the Benefit & Pre-Convention Dances  
at the reduced rate - Prices increase on January 11, 2026

*There's a lot to  in Loveland, Colorado!*





# 76<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention PRE-CONVENTION REGISTRATION\*

Loveland, Colorado  
January 8, 9, and 10, 2026

Pre-Convention  
Registration  
Forms

Register Online at <https://76nsdc.com/>

\*Deadline for registrations is December 20, 2025

Primary Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name (1): \_\_\_\_\_

Partner's Last Name (if different): \_\_\_\_\_ First Name (2): \_\_\_\_\_

If you are part of a Future NSDC Committee, please provide the following information: NSDC# \_\_\_\_\_

Your Committee: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Position: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: If you need hearing assistance for any part of the Pre-Convention, please bring your own. Hearing assistance devices will not be provided at the Pre-Convention.**

## HOUSING

All housing will be made at the Embassy Suites Hotel where Pre-Convention activities will occur. If you have any questions, please visit the 76<sup>th</sup> NSDC website: <https://76nsdc.com/>, or contact Bob Peterson @ 214.604.7310. The hotel has free self-parking for registered guests and must be booked by December 20, 2025. If you choose to make your reservation by phone, be sure to state you are with the 76<sup>th</sup> NSDC to get the rate listed below.

**Embassy Suites by Hilton Loveland Conference Center**

**\$159 + taxes & fees per Night Wednesday-Saturday**

**Includes free parking, free breakfast, and manager's evening reception**

Check-in Time: 4:00 p.m. MST Check-out Time: 12:00 p.m. MST

Make Hotel Reservations at: <https://EmbassySuitesLoveland.com>

Airport Shuttle: Groome Transportation: [groometransportation.com](http://groometransportation.com), 928.350.8466





## Culinary Selections

**Note: All meals will be served in the Embassy Suites facility.**

### FRIDAY

**1. Lunch**

Soup du Jour + Salad + Sandwich Bar and Beverage

\$25.00 per person x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Counterpart Dinner**

Baked Chicken Parmesan, Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Garlic Toast, Beverage, and Dessert

\$35.00 per person x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### SATURDAY

**3. Counterpart Working Lunch**

Southwest Taco Bar: Seasoned Ground Beef, Soft or Hard Shell, Fixins<sup>®</sup>, and Beverage

\$25.00 per person x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Final Dinner (before dance)**

Savory Pork Loin, Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Dinner Roll, Beverage, and Dessert

\$35.00 per person x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please note any special dietary needs:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Due for Meals Above** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check Enclosed Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Make check payable to 76NSDC.

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### **Breakout Sessions:**

**Indicate who will attend each session by entering 1 or 2 or B (both)**

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|----------------------------------|--|
| ___ Auxiliary Services/Security  | ___ Legal                              |
| ___ Bid Session                  | ___ Org. Round Table/Archives/Showcase |
| ___ Ceremonies                   | ___ Program Book                       |
| ___ Clinics & Exhibitions        | ___ Publicity & Media Recognition      |
| ___ Computer Coordinator/Website | ___ Registration                       |
| ___ Contra/Lines/Clogging        | ___ Round Dance                        |
| ___ Education Sessions & LCP     | ___ RV/Camping                         |
| ___ E-Squares Magazine           | ___ Secretary                          |
| ___ Facilities/Sound             | ___ Sew & Save                         |
| ___ Fashion Show                 | ___ Squares/Solo/Youth                 |
| ___ Finance/Purchasing/Auditing  | ___ Transportation                     |
| ___ Hospitality/Special Events   | ___ Vendors                            |
| ___ Housing                      | ___ Ways & Means                       |

**IF REGISTERING BY MAIL: 76 NSDC**

**358 Blue River Pkwy. Unit E-307  
Silverthorne, CO 80498**



# **DID YOU KNOW:**



Did you know? All National Square Dance Conventions are 501(c)(3) nonprofit events. That means we start from zero and rely on generous contributions to bring the magic to life – from venue costs to youth programs and volunteer support. Here are two additional ways to support our convention.

## **WALMART ROUND UP**

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Every penny counts—and now you can help support the 77th National Square Dance Convention® just by shopping at Walmart! When you check out, simply select us as your preferred organization and round up your total to the nearest dollar.

That spare change goes directly toward making this unforgettable event even more welcoming, vibrant, and fun for all generations. Just choose 77th National Square Dance Convention® (77 NSDC Inc) at checkout—online or in the Walmart app!

## **KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM**

***TEXAS AND LOUISIANA ONLY***

This donation program is based on a percentage of your purchase. Nothing will be added to your bill, you only need a Kroger account and then associate that with our convention, 77 NSDC Inc. Once logged into your Kroger account you can search for 77 NSDC INC. either by name or VR672 and then click “Enroll”. New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a rewards card.





One hundred years ago, three stories high on a dancing platform in the branches of South Daytona's "Big Tree," young ladies swayed in festive dresses, dancing with their beaux to fiddle music atop the 800-year-old tree that gave Big Tree Road its name. At the time, the rural community was known as Blake, and for many years locals and tourists would trek to this ancient tree that merited hand-colored postcards. Clark Jewelers of Daytona even arranged for commemorative plates of blue and white design to be made in Britain (Graham, "Dances").

Estimates marked this live oak to be 1,000 years old—some said 2,000; and towering more than ten stories, Big Tree sported a girth of 36 feet with its monstrous limbs spreading at least 157 feet, covering a full acre of ground beneath it. Apparently, no live oak tree in Florida today matches South Daytona's historic Big Tree because as of 1987 the largest live oak was not Ormond Beach's Fairchild Oak, but instead, Jacksonville's Timucuan Treaty Oak with a circumference of only 27 1/2 feet at the height of 4 1/2 feet from the ground, and it had a height of 90 feet with a limb spread of 151 feet (Atwell 21; "Big Tree"; Graham, "Hunt's").

### **Square Dancing 30 Feet Up in the Big Tree**

Square dancing was especially popular in the Big Tree after 1904 when William Williamson built a 14-foot by 16-foot dancing platform (referred to in those days as a "casino") at the top of extended flights of wooden stairs with railings. Williamson, a native of Ohio, lived in Blake for ten years, growing citrus; and years later Williamson Boulevard was named for him (McLaughlin). Local fiddler Joseph Shipes kept the toes tapping for the six couples who could dance on the elevated rustic "ballroom," and according to his descendant Irvin Shipes, even after the tree was destroyed, leaving only the base of the tree, people gathered to dance on the giant, level stump of Big Tree (Graham, "Dances").



Registration # \_\_\_\_\_  
Dangles

**Pre – Registration**  
**77<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention®**  
**Daytona Beach, Florida**  
**June 28-July 1, 2028**

**REGISTER ONLINE at [www.77nsdcfl.com](http://www.77nsdcfl.com)**  
**This form expires on January 23, 2027**

**Zelle® your registration fee to [77nsdcfl@gmail.com](mailto:77nsdcfl@gmail.com)**

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Youth Names & DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Sub Total:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Processing Fee 3% (Example: \$160 x 3% = \$4.80) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Due:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**If Registering by Mail: 77NSDC 1221 Alder Circle Friendswood, TX 77546**  
**Or Email to: [registrations@77nsdcfl.com](mailto:registrations@77nsdcfl.com)**

**PLEASE HELP US PLAN! Please CIRCLE all that apply**

Dancers: Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, Challenge, Contra, Lines, Rounds, Handicapable, SOLO  
Leaders: Squares, Contra, Lines, Rounds, Clogging. Education Presenter Topic: \_\_\_\_\_  
Arrive Early or Stay Late # Days \_\_\_\_\_? Stay at Convention Hotels, RV Camping

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(Internal Use Only) Accepted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Receipt Sent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Sent: \_\_\_\_\_





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**Liability Insurance** protects the club along with its members and officials from financial loss due to unforeseen incidents that may develop into litigation against members and dance organizations. This insurance is required by most of our dance facilities – those used regularly for club dances, as well as those used for special dance events or even demonstrations.



**Accidental Medical Insurance** provides coverage for injuries sustained while participating in dancing activities sponsored and supervised by a recognized club or organization. The insurance is “portable” – that is, it covers the insured dancer while participating in any regularly scheduled and sponsored dancing activity worldwide.

On Sunday, November 9, the USDA Insurance Program will be featured on the USDA **Beyond the Dance Floor webinar series**. Elizabeth Sanders, USDA Insurance Coordinator, will share all of the latest information. The webinar is scheduled for 11:00 Pacific / 2:00 Eastern. Log-in information, along with access to associated materials such as presentations or handouts will be available on the USDA website at [www.usda.org](http://www.usda.org).

For further information about USDA’s Insurance Program, check out the website at [www.usda.org/Insurance.php](http://www.usda.org/Insurance.php) or contact Elizabeth at [insurance@usda.org](mailto:insurance@usda.org).

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Thursday November 6th

Advance 6:00 - 7:00 pm  
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Saturday Night  
Theme:  
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830 Green Street NE  
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November 7-8, 2025  
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in 2025**

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March 26-28, 2026    Email: [2026FestivalDirectors@wascaclubs.com](mailto:2026FestivalDirectors@wascaclubs.com)

You can register and pay here: <https://www.wascaclubs.org/festival/index.php>

Adult #1(Badge): \_\_\_\_\_ Adult #2(Badge): \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Child \_\_\_\_\_ Child \_\_\_\_\_

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City / State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check your HIGHEST level of dance

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Squares:  M  P  DBD  A2  C1

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Rounds:  II-IV  IV-VI

Lines:  Solo Dancer:

\_\_\_\_\_ Adult Festival Registration until Oct 31, 2025 at \$100.00 ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Registrations Received after November 1, 2025 at \$110.00 ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Registrations Received after March 1, 2026 at \$120.00 ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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No mailed/emailed registrations will be accepted after **March 9, 2026**  
Amount Enclosed = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate method of payment:  Cash  Check  Money Order  Credit Card

NOTE: CREDIT CARD CHARGE WILL APPEAR AS WASHINGTON AREA SQUARE DANCE COOPERATIVE (TM) GREENBELT, MD

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Mail to: **STEVE AND LINDA TOTH 7226 Mandan Rd., Greenbelt, MD 20770 (978) 729-0395**

Or Email to: [FestivalRegistration@wascaclubs.com](mailto:FestivalRegistration@wascaclubs.com)

**2026 Festival Hotel**

Hilton Washington Dulles Airport  
13869 Park Center Road, Herndon, VA 20171  
Phone +1 703-478-2900

Rate is \$139 plus taxes

WASCA Rates Expire **February 22, 2026**  
[tinyurl.com/2026WASCAFestivalHotel](http://tinyurl.com/2026WASCAFestivalHotel)



**The Festivities begin Thursday at 7 PM  
and continue until Saturday Midnight**

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**Tom Miller  
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*After 6 PM, Square Dance/Evening Attire  
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*Please, use common sense  
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August 20 to 22, 2026



**Thursday – Trail End Dance – 7:30pm – 10:30pm**

**Sprostys Calling and Cueing**

**Friday – 1pm – 10 pm**

**Friday After party - 10 pm - 11pm**

**Saturday – 10am – 10pm**

**Friday and Saturday all Callers and Cuers**

**Sheraton Grand Rapids Airport Hotel**

**By Marriott**

**5700 28<sup>th</sup> Street Southeast**

**Grand Rapids, MI 49546**

**Room Reservations: Cost \$129.00 +taxes/night**

**Call: 888-236-2427 Cutoff Date 7/29/2026**

**Mention the Michigan Square Dance Convention when making your reservation.  
If you choose to make your reservation on line, a link will be provided once you register for the convention.**



**Featured Callers Don and Doug Sprosty and Cuer Natalie Sprosty  
From Bettendorf and Davenport, Iowa**

For more info & registration form: [www.square-dance-michigan.com/convention](http://www.square-dance-michigan.com/convention)



**Square Dance Attire Suggested after 6 pm on Friday and Saturday.  
Shoes must be worn at all times.**

